

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 25, 1996 - 0900 MDT  
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL V

\*\*\* SAFETY COMES FIRST ON EVERY FIRE EVERY TIME \*\*\*

CURRENT SITUATION: Fire activity significantly increased in the Northwest Area. Two Type I and two Type II Incident Management Teams were mobilized in the Northwest Area. Type II Incident Management Teams were mobilized to the Northern and Southern California Areas. Moderate initial attack activity was reported in all Areas of the western United States. Mobilization of resources through NICC remained high.

Northwest Large Fires:

SKELETON/EVANS WEST, Deschutes NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Lohrey) is assigned. The Skeleton fire (8,000 acres) is located 6 miles southeast of Bend, OR. The fire burned into two subdivisions; 19 homes and 17 mobile homes were destroyed. The Evans West fire (600 acres) is located 3 miles southeast of Bend. This fire is moving to the northwest and is expected to burn together with the Skeleton fire. Extreme fire behavior hindered control efforts.

SPRING, Umpqua NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Wands) is assigned. The fire is burning in the Boulder Creek Wilderness, near Toketee Falls, OR. Severe burning conditions challenged all containment lines. Homes and private property are threatened.

MILEPOST 71, Colville Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team (Furlong) is assigned. The fire is located 8 miles east of Omak, WA. Dry fuels and rugged terrain have created control problems. High value timber and structures are threatened.

PARK MEADOWS, Deschutes NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Payne) is assigned. The fire is in the Three Sisters Wilderness Area four miles northwest of Three Creeks Lake. Extreme fire behavior made suppression efforts difficult. All flanks of the fire were very active yesterday. Three Creeks Resort and multiple watersheds are threatened.

SOUTH ZONE COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gardner) is assigned. The complex is 11 miles southeast of Oakridge, OR. Observed fire behavior included torching and spotting. Suppression forces are working on new starts in the vicinity. Private land and the Wolf Mountain electronics and communications site are threatened.

BULL COMPLEX, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Kearney) is assigned. The BULL, SUMMIT, ROCKY, and #104 fires comprise this complex. Fire activity increased on the Summit fire as it moved toward Desolation Drainage. Burnout operations were conducted on the south and east flanks of the Bull fire. Private and Forest Service structures, a historic wooden pipeline and endangered species habitat are threatened.

TOWER, Umatilla NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (MacDonald) is assigned. A Type I Incident Management Team (Richer) has been ordered. The fire is 17 miles south of Ukiah, OR. Torching and spotting on the

southwest flank increased fire activity yesterday. Tower Mountain Lookout, private lands, a cabin and an electronic site remain threatened.

MOOLACK COMPLEX, Willamette NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Bright) is assigned. The complex consists of five fires. These lightning fires are burning in heavy fuels in the Waldo Wilderness Area. Extreme fire behavior was observed yesterday. Current threats include campgrounds and the Box Canyon Guard Station.

WILDCAT COMPLEX, Malheur NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Dubois) is assigned. The fire is 10 miles southeast of John Day, OR. The fire is being suppressed under Unified Command with Oregon State. The complex includes the WILDCAT and GRAHAM fires. Helicopters aided firefighters in holding control lines. The fire is threatening private and industrial lands and structures.

NORTH UMPQUA COMPLEX, Umpqua NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Welch) is assigned. Lightning activity over the complex resulted in four new starts. Crews worked to contain these fires. Private lands, endangered species habitat and a watershed are threatened.

SALT COMPLEX, Wallowa-Whitman NF. A Type I Incident Management Team (Bailey) is assigned. Transition to a Type II Incident Management Team (Spradlin) is scheduled for 8/25. The complex includes the SALT CREEK, DAM, SHEEP CREEK, and HEAVEN'S GATE fires. The fires are burning on the Oregon/Idaho border of the Hells Canyon Recreation Area. Fire activity increased on the Dam and Sheep Creek fires. The Red Lodge Mountain, Cold Springs Cow Camp and an electronics site are threatened.

WANACUT, Colville Agency, BIA. The fire is east of Omak, WA. No other information available.

Two fires are in a confinement suppression strategy totalling 6,348 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SKELETON/EVANS	DEF	OR	8,600	20	UNK	235	4	20	0	35	1.5M	153K
SPRING	UPF	OR	7,300	5	UNK	713	21	7	6	0	NR	2.3M
MILEPOST 71	COA	WA	2,000	0	UNK	20	0	5	0	0	NR	NR
PARK MEADOWS	DEF	OR	600	0	8/30	27	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	NR	5K
SOUTH ZONE CPX	WIF	OR	3,136	75	8/30	1,721	53	50	5	0	NR	6.7M
BULL COMPLEX	UMF	OR	9,303	45	UNK	1,720	61	31	9	0	NR	4.2M
TOWER	UMF	OR	6,100	50	UNK	940	35	26	4	0	NR	1.9M
MOOLACK CPX	WIF	OR	6,500	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
WILDCAT	MAF	OR	10,655	90	8/25	1,063	33	24	9	0	932K	6.8M
NORTH UMPQUA	UPF	OR	411	50	8/25	330	10	11	1	0	750K	3.9M
SALT COMPLEX	WWF	OR	60,125	75	8/31	413	10	4	9	0	NR	4.2M
WANACUT	COA	WA	1,500	UNK	UNK	30	0	4	0	NR	NR	NR

Southern California Large Fires:

ACKERSON COMPLEX, Yosemite NP. Type I (Dague) and Type II (Byrd) Incident Management Teams are assigned. The fires included in this complex are the ACKERSON, POOP/NAUT, BIG CREEK, POINT, and MIGUEL. The Poop/Naut and Ackerson fires have burned together. Thunderstorm activity over the fire pushed it into the Cherry Creek and Eleanor Creek drainages. The fire was

also active on the east and made progress toward the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, which is a source of water for San Francisco, CA. Suppression forces are using minimum impact tactics to control spread into the high country.

ROUSE, San Bernadino NF. This fire is located north of Lake Arrowhead in the Rouse Meadows area. The fire is one of ten lightning-caused fires on the Forest. No other information was received.

RESERVOIR, Angeles NF. A Type II Team has been ordered. No other information was available.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
ACKERSON CPX	YNP	CA	26,625	21	UNK	2,744	73	102	20	1	25K	8.8M
ROUSE	BDF	CA	100	50	UNK	388	13	8	2	0	0	NR
RESERVOIR	ANF	CA	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
ROGGE	STF	CA	23,200	100	----	1,107	35	39	6	1	0	6.6M

Northern California Large Fires:

FORK, Mendocino NF. An Area Command Team (Mann) is assigned. Two Type I Incident Management Teams (Kohut & Loving) are assigned. The 3rd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division (Lt. Col. Bayles, Commander), are fully integrated into the operations. The fire is located north of the town of Upper Lake, CA. All line was constructed and tied in. Rehabilitation efforts continued yesterday.

POCKET, Shasta-Trinity NF. This fire is located 43 miles north of Redding, CA. Fire containment progressed well with fire lines planned for completion by last night.

ROCK, Hoopa Agency, BIA. A Type II Incident Management Team has been ordered. No other information was available.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
FORK	MNF	CA	82,423	90	8/24	2,371	104	99	10	3	0	NR
POCKET	SHF	CA	100	90	8/25	191	9	10	5	0	0	NR
ROCK	HIA	CA	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK	UNK
MORRIS	SHF	CA	470	100	----	95	3	0	2	0	25K	340K
EAST FORK	SHF	CA	180	100	----	58	1	0	2	0	25K	340K

Rocky Mountain Large Fires:

DANO, Shoshone NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Gauger) is assigned. The fire is located about 24 miles northwest of Cody, WY. The fire was pushed northeast yesterday along the Clarks Fork Canyon by strong winds. A successful burnout was completed along the canyon to protect private lands and to control spread. Although reduced, the threat to private lands and Dead Indian Gulch remains. Control problems include steep terrain and strong winds.

DELANEY RIDGE, Rock Springs District, BLM. The fire was a lightning start. No other information was received.

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DANO	SHF	WY	2,000	30	8/26	275	6	5	3	0	0	761K
DELANEY RIDGE	RSD	WY	300	90	8/24	23	1	7	1	0	0	UNK

Eastern Great Basin Large Fires:

CUNNINGHAM, Cedar City District, BLM. A Type II Incident Management Team (Casey) is assigned. The fire is located 10 miles northwest of Beaver, UT. Burnout operations continued along the south and northwest flanks last night. No major problems were encountered yesterday.

Four fires are in confinement suppression strategy totalling 6,104 acres.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
CUNNINGHAM	CCD	UT	14,744	75	8/25	507	13	27	4	0	0	1.0M
SARAH	SCS	UT	6,400	100	----	37	1	5	0	0	0	84K

Northern Rockies Large Fires:

SWET/WARRIOR, Nez Perce NF & Bitterroot NF. A Type II Incident Management Team (Hodge) is assigned. The fire did not increase in size yesterday. A ten person crew assisted in suppression efforts.

DRY CREEK, Crow Agency, BIA. The fire is in sagebrush, grass, and cottonwood. It is located about 30 miles southeast of Billings, MT. Containment was expected yesterday evening.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SWET/WARRIOR	BRF	MT	29,200	NR	UNK	80	4	1	3	1	0	341K
DRY CREEK	CRA	MT	100	90	8/24	9	0	3	0	0	0	NR

Western Great Basin Large Fires:

SHOEMAKE, Ely District, BLM. This fire is located 35 miles southeast of Caliente, Nevada. The fire is currently staffed with one helicopter and one overhead. No other information was received.

INCIDENT NAME	UNIT	ST	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTAL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	EST LOSS	SSS C-T-D
SHOEMAKE	ELD	NV	13,800	98	8/25	5	0	0	1	0	NR	5K

Southwest Large Fires: Five fires are in confinement suppression strategy totalling 2,449 acres.

Alaska Large Fires: Fourteen fires are in a non-suppression status totalling 413,573 acres.

OUTLOOK:

\*\*\* A RED FLAG WARNING IS POSTED IN OREGON FOR DRY LIGHTNING \*\*\*

\*\*\* A FIRE WEATHER WATCH IS POSTED FOR DRY LIGHTNING \*\*\*

\*\*\* IN THE WASHINGTON CASCADES, NORTHEAST CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN/CENTRAL \*\*\*  
 \*\*\* NEVADA, SOUTHERN IDAHO, AND SOUTHWEST WYOMING \*\*\*

A strong upper ridge of high pressure remains firmly entrenched over the western United States. Meanwhile, an upper trough of low pressure is approaching the northern California and Oregon coasts. The windflow around the upper high continues to push monsoon moisture from the southern Rockies and the Desert Southwest into the Great Basin, California, and the Pacific northwest. Dry lightning is forecast from the Washington Cascades southward through Oregon and into northeast California and Nevada. There is also a threat of dry lightning in southern Idaho and southwest Wyoming. Scattered wet thunderstorms are forecast in southern Colorado, southern Utah, New Mexico, and Arizona. The thunderstorms in California are expected to be wetter. Very dry conditions with relative humidities in the teens and single digits will cover Idaho, eastern Washington, and western Montana. Temperatures will range from the 80s' in the Rockies to 108 in the Desert Southwest. Most areas will have highs in the 90s' to near 100 degrees.

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FIRES: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA			0		2		2
NORTHWEST	2	5			4	44	55
CA-NORTHERN	1				11	14	26
CA-SOUTHERN				0	35	3	38
NORTHERN	2				7	6	15
GB-EASTERN		2			1	9	12
GB-WESTERN		2					2
SOUTHWEST	2			2		13	17
ROCKY MTN		1			1	2	4
EASTERN							NR
SOUTHERN							NR
USA	7	10		2	61	91	171

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ACRES BURNED: Yesterday

AREA	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS	TOTAL
ALASKA			5,340		0		5,340
NORTHWEST	551	1,015			8	8,869	10,443
CA-NORTHERN	40				49	32	121
CA-SOUTHERN				4,700	886	103	5,689
NORTHERN	102				39	1	142
GB-EASTERN		10			0	3	13
GB-WESTERN		4					4
SOUTHWEST	0			1		0	1

ROCKY MTN			20			20	653	693
EASTERN								NR
SOUTHERN								NR
USA	693	1,049	5,340	4,701	1,002	9,661	22,446	

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RESOURCE	RESOURCE STATUS: Committed Resources									
	CREWS		ENGINES		HELICPTR		AIRTANKER		OVERHEAD	
	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON	FED	NON
ALASKA										
NORTHWEST	171	66	164	48	56		12		788	287
CA-NORTHERN	118	3	146	18	23	2	2	4	915	30
CA-SOUTHERN	121	9	155	12	31	2	6	4	666	124
NORTHERN	23	1	21	4	9				41	4
GB-EASTERN	5	2			14		1		72	1
GB-WESTERN			2		2				8	1
SOUTHWEST			6							
ROCKY MTN	9		12		7				31	
EASTERN										
SOUTHERN										
USA	447	81	506	82	142	4	21	8	2,521	447

FED = FEDERAL AND FEDERAL CONTRACT RESOURCES

NON = NON FEDERAL RESOURCES

NR = No report.

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AREA	FIRES: Year to date							TOTAL
	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS		
ALASKA	6	46	32	6	544	18	652	
NORTHWEST	164	335	13	30	1,039	1,118	2,699	
CA-NORTHERN	42	55	1	18	1,881	773	2,770	
CA-SOUTHERN	7	299	2	249	3,321	859	4,737	
NORTHERN	718	67	46	17	399	870	2,117	
GB-EASTERN	50	732		20	372	567	1,741	
GB-WESTERN		644	3	55	87	193	982	
SOUTHWEST	1,168	308	13	93	1,422	2,059	5,063	
ROCKY MTN	788	826		65	742	594	3,015	
EASTERN	244			61	11,705	341	12,351	
SOUTHERN	77		106	93	46,115	1,135	47,526	
USA	3,264	3,312	216	707	67,627	8,527	83,653	
5 YEAR AVERAGE							58,350	

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AREA	ACRES BURNED: Year to date							TOTAL
	BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	STATES	USFS		
ALASKA	16	205,422	138,901	4,379	237,224	168	586,110	
NORTHWEST	114,889	161,546	1,556	4	27,185	140,096	445,276	
CA-NORTHERN	166	7,460	0	366	13,620	96,121	117,733	
CA-SOUTHERN	997	37,382	30	30,728	132,015	92,071	293,223	

NORTHERN	16,122	5,741	3,054	162	90,956	59,782	175,817
GB-EASTERN	395	703,966		8,118	63,026	81,896	857,401
GB-WESTERN		189,337	602	284	2,579	11,436	204,238
SOUTHWEST	36,841	10,492	3,155	5,319	73,112	208,557	337,476
ROCKY MTN	25,220	36,540		10,631	31,214	41,397	145,002
EASTERN	566			533	153,976	18,423	173,498
SOUTHERN	1,781		30,084	12,770	1,039,175	42,161	1,125,971
USA	196,993	1,357,886	177,382	73,294	1,864,082	792,108	4,461,745
5 YEAR AVERAGE							1,897,504

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES

PROVINCES	YESTERDAY		YEAR TO DATE	
BRITISH COLUMBIA	0	0	1,131	17,956
YUKON TERRITORY	0	0	144	93,351
ALBERTA	2	1	325	1,970
NORTHWEST TERRITORY	0	0	349	343,889
SASKATCHEWAN	1	0	383	12,838
MANITOBA	2	58	385	89,204
ONTARIO	5	3	1,107	454,613
QUEBEC	2	0	1,097	624,879
NEWFOUNDLAND	3	0	129	27,542
NEW BRUNSWICK	1	0	290	1,576
NOVA SCOTIA	0	0	249	630
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND	0	0	23	195
NATIONAL PARKS	1	0	66	16,369
TOTALS	17	62	5,678	1,685,012

A hectare is equivalent to 2.47 acres.

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